

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) An electrically-operated steering lock device comprising:
a lock bolt movable between a protruding position, at which a steering shaft is locked, and
a retreat position, at which the steering shaft is unlocked;
a cam member rotatable by an electric motor so as to actuate said lock bolt, said cam member
having a first engagement portion;
an electrically-driven rotation blocking mechanism for engaging with said first engagement
portion when said lock bolt is at said retreat position so as to block said cam member from rotating
in a direction that would cause said lock bolt to move from said retreat position to said protruding
position even if the electric motor is activated due to a malfunction; and
a holding portion for holding said rotation blocking mechanism in a state in which rotation
of said cam member is blocked when said lock bolt is at said retreat position.

7. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim
6 26, wherein

 said first engagement portion is in said cam member.

8. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to
claim 7, wherein

 said cam member is constructed and arranged to move said lock bolt to said protruding
position when the electric motor is forwardly rotated, and to move said lock bolt to said retreat
position when the electric motor is reversely rotated.

9. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim
8, wherein

~~said holding portion comprises a second engagement portion in said cam member, such that said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and~~

 said cam member, said lock bolt and said rotation blocking mechanism are constructed and arranged such that when engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion is released upon reverse rotation of the electric motor, said lock bolt protrudes to said protruding position upon forward rotation of the electric motor.

10. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 9, wherein

 said cam member further has a cam portion that is shaped such that said lock bolt is not actuated at a time of release of engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion.

11. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 10, further comprising:

 a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

12. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 11, wherein

 said rotation blocking mechanism comprises a solenoid and an engagement member coupled to said solenoid.

13. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 12, wherein

 said first engagement portion comprises an end wall of a recess in said cam member, and
 said second engagement portion comprises a projection extending from said end wall of said recess,

 such that

(i) said rotation blocking mechanism is for engaging with said first engagement portion, when said lock bolt is at said retreat position, by having said engagement member engage said end wall, and

(ii) said second engagement portion is to hold engage with said rotation blocking mechanism, in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and block said rotation blocking mechanism from moving in a direction that would release engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said first engagement portion by having said projection engage said engagement member.

14. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6 26, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

15. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6 26, wherein

said rotation blocking mechanism comprises a solenoid and an engagement member coupled to said solenoid.

16. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 15, wherein

said first engagement portion comprises an end wall of a recess in said cam member, and said holding portion comprises a projection extending from said end wall of said recess, such that

(i) said rotation blocking mechanism is for engaging said first engagement portion, when said lock bolt is at said retreat position, by having said engagement member engage said end wall, and

(ii) said holding portion is for holding to engage with said rotation blocking mechanism, in a state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and block said rotation blocking mechanism from moving in a direction that would release engagement between said

rotation blocking mechanism and said first engagement portion by having said projection engage said engagement member.

17. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 15, wherein

 said first engagement portion is in said cam member.

18. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 17, wherein

 said cam member is constructed and arranged to move said lock bolt to said protruding position when the electric motor is forwardly rotated, and to move said lock bolt to said retreat position when the electric motor is reversely rotated.

19. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 18, wherein

 said holding portion comprises a second engagement portion in said cam member, such that said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and

 said cam member, said lock bolt and said rotation blocking mechanism are constructed and arranged such that when engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion is released upon reverse rotation of the electric motor, said lock bolt protrudes to said protruding position upon forward rotation of the electric motor.

20. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 19, wherein

said cam member further has a cam portion that is shaped such that said lock bolt is not actuated at a time of release of engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion.

21. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

22. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6 26, wherein

said cam member is constructed and arranged to move said lock bolt to said protruding position when the electric motor is forwardly rotated, and to move said lock bolt to said retreat position when the electric motor is reversely rotated.

23. (Currently amended) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 22, wherein

~~said holding portion comprises a second engagement portion in said cam member, such that said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and~~

said cam member, said lock bolt and said rotation blocking mechanism are constructed and arranged such that when engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion is released upon reverse rotation of the electric motor, said lock bolt protrudes to said protruding position upon forward rotation of the electric motor.

24. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 23, wherein

said cam member further has a cam portion that is shaped such that said lock bolt is not actuated at a time of release of engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion.

25. (Previously presented) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 24, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

26. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6, wherein said cam member also has a second engagement portion, and said holding portion comprises said second engagement portion, such that said holding portion is for holding said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked when said lock bolt is at said retreat position by having said second engagement portion engage with said rotation blocking mechanism and block said rotation blocking mechanism from moving in a direction that would release engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said first engagement portion.